

REMARKS

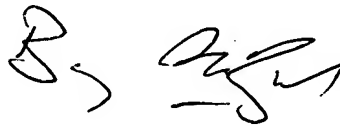
In the final Office Action mailed October 27, 2004, the Examiner indicated that Claims 25 and 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the limitations of Claims 25 and 23, from which Claim 25 depends, have been incorporated into independent Claim 1. The remaining claims are dependent from amended Claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that these amendments place these claims in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are requested.

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